the Assembly to choose 3 of their members, 2 from the maidan districts and 1 from the malnad districts. The Assembly suggested Messrs. D. Venkatramiah of Bangalore and Girmaji Rao of Kolar for the maidan, and C. Srinivasa Rao for the malnad.

Reply of Government.—A Committee will be appointed to consider the question and submit proposals.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Block system of irrigation under the Marikanave channels.

Mr. Veeriah, Hiriyur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The lands under the Marikanave channels are divided into two parts—one-third of each survey number being allotted for wet cultivation and two-thirds for *thadi fasal*, irrespective of the area comprised in the survey number. The raiyats are however required to pay the wet assessment for the whole area. As even small survey numbers with an atchkat of only one acre are divided into two parts it is not possible to confine wet cultivation to one-third of the area and devote the rest to *thadi fasal*. It is therefore prayed that large survey numbers measuring more than five acres, may alone be subjected to the block system of irrigation. Assessment also should be lowered in the case of lands on which the *thadi fasal* is raised.

(*b*) Lands situated within two furlongs from the village limits may also be given water in order that *thadi fasal* may be raised.

(*c*) Lands not included within the area of the block system of irrigation, may also be given water for temporary *eksal* wet cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Special cases of difficulty and hardship may be brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Major and minor tanks.

Messrs. (*a*) C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, (*b*) and (*c*) Krishnappa and Chennakesava Rao, Koppa taluk, and (*d*) Santappasetty, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The distinction now made between major and minor tanks may be done away with and both classes of tanks treated alike.

(*b*) The Koppa taluk contains 14 major and 3,000 minor tanks. Most of them are silted up. A representation on the subject was made to the Dewan Sahib when he was at Koppa in March last. A reply has been received to the effect that the representation has been sent to the Revenue Commissioner for consideration. It is prayed that the present minor tanks may also be classed as major and their restoration ordered.

(*c*) Tanks with an atchkat of Rs. 100 and under in malnad may be classed as minor and those with an atchkat of above that sum as major.

(*d*) Silt clearing in the nalas and earthwork to tanks are done by the raiyats holding lands under them. As the holders of such lands are generally non-residents

of the locality much inconvenience is caused in getting the work done. A cess of 6 pies for every rupee of assessment on garden and wet lands may be ordered to be levied in lieu thereof and the work got done by Government agency.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 74.

A programme for tank maintenance.

Messrs. Kodandaramasetti and Chennabasaviah, Tumkur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The reservation of a portion of the budget grant placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department solely for the improvement of old tanks and a definite allotment out of such sum to each locality according to its requirements so that every tank or feeder may be improved in its turn, is necessary. This would ensure the increase of revenue and the prosperity of the country.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Earthwork to tanks.

(*a*) Messrs. Chikka Guruva Reddy and Veerappa Reddy, Bangalore taluk and Muninage Gowda and S. Hanumanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Seenappa, Hoskote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Some of the minor tanks have fallen into a very bad condition, neglected by the raiyats, and uncared for by Government. It is therefore prayed that the burden of maintaining them may be taken away from the raiyats and the cost thereof met from the collections made by Government towards the irrigation fund.

(*b*) Earthwork may be executed from one-fourth of the tank assessment.

The existing rules require the villagers to do the earthwork of all restored tanks. There is a great deal of difficulty in the distribution of work and in executing timely repairs. The villagers are sometimes required to attend to this work when they have to be busy in their fields. It is therefore prayed that they may be relieved of this burden and that the Government may be pleased to take up this work, the necessary expenses being recovered from the villagers concerned.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Earthwork to tanks.

Mr. A. Ramanna, Hoskote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government do not insist upon the raiyats holding lands under major tanks to do their portion of earthwork as they do in the case of raiyats under minor tanks. This allows the former to derive greater benefits than the latter. It is prayed that a uniform rule may be enforced for both major and minor tanks.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Earthwork to minor tanks.

Messrs. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk and Byra Reddy, Chintamani taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On lands under minor tanks, heavy wet assessment is being levied, whether the lands are being cultivated or not. The raiyats may therefore be exempted from doing earthwork to minor tanks in consideration of the large assessment levied from them.